



Clover Chronicle

The Newsletter of the York County 4-H Program



4-H Agent's Corner

Summer is just around the corner – and, once this realization hits most parents, they're inevitably scrambling for something for their kids to do to keep them busy and active after the school year ends. Our local 4-H program offers a number of positive options for youth ages 5-19 during the summer months, many of which are included in this newsletter. For ages 5-8, there's a weekend-long "Cloverbud Camp" at the Jamestown 4H Center. Teens can choose from three exciting Adventure Camps offered by the Jamestown 4-H Center. Our popular Junior 4-H Camp for ages 9-13 will be held July 29-August 2; unfortunately, all slots are full, but call the Extension Office after May 28 for information on a mini-camp alternative we'll be offering in late August. Although our 4H Teen Council and the ESAC (Environmental Science and Animal Club) take a break during the summer months, our Tabb Cloverbud Club (ages 5-8) will continue to meet (Tabb Library, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 4:00-5:00 p.m.), as will our two York County 4-H Horse Clubs (for ages 9-18). Of course, even though some clubs may not meet during the summer, there are still a number of options for active York County 4-H members, including State 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech (June 18-21). For more information on the York County 4-H program, call 890-4940.

Have a Fun and Profitable Summer

4-H Chrysanthemum Project

The 4-H Chrysanthemum Project combines the skills of growing plants with the knowledge of how to account for, market and sell a "product."

Youth receive 20 chrysanthemums to grow throughout the summer and be responsible for the total care

of their "product." Participants will attend five scheduled educational one hour sessions throughout the summer to learn the proper care and propagation of the chrysanthemum, how to keep accounts in order, and to learn how to market and sell the product. It is important that these plants are grown in a full sun location where they can be watered daily and free of competing vegetation.

Registration Fee: \$20

(Includes: pots, media, fertilizer, and rooted virus free cuttings)

Registration Deadline: May 13, 2002

Open House at Jamestown 4-H Center

If you've never visited the Jamestown 4H Center, on the banks of the lovely "Jimmy River" (that's James River), take the family out to the Center's annual Open House on Sunday, June 2 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity to tour the facility, meet the staff, learn about the various programs offered there (besides just summer camp) - and it's free! Call 253-4931 for more information.

Cloverbud Camp for Ages 5-8: Colonial Customs, Crafts, and Costumes

History is not a thing of the past! Children ages 5-8 are invited to the Jamestown 4-H Center to explore life as a child in the 18th century. Scheduled for July 12-14, this camp will feature fun hands-on learning through colonial games, crafts, dress and music. Plus, stay in a cabin, go canoeing, enjoy a campfire, and get a taste of the summer camp experience. Campers will be closely supervised by trained and caring staff. Call the Jamestown 4-H Center at 253-4931 for more information.

Teen Adventure Camps Available

Three exciting week-long Teen Adventure Camps are being offered by the Jamestown 4-H Center this summer, for teens ages 13 and up. "Mr. Ed's Wild Ride" (July 22-26) features horseback riding, white water rafting, and rock climbing, as well as overnight camping. Sign up for "Making Tracks" (July 29-August 2) and you'll be combing the state for fossils, touring marshlands by kayak, and learning astronomy. Or explore rocketry, flight, amusement parks (and G-forces) on "Galileo's Grand Adventure," named for the father of Physics. Call the Extension office at 890-4940 to have a Specialty Camps brochure mailed to you, or call the Jamestown 4-H Center at 253-4931 for more information.

Montana 4-H'ers to Visit York County in June

In the summer of 2001, 18 York County teens and 4 adults traveled to Montana to begin the first half of a two-year "4-H Interstate Exchange" with Yellowstone County, Montana 4-Hers. The York County participants will now have the opportunity to host their Montana counterparts from June 29-July 6, 2002. Planned activities during their visit include Yorktown 4th of July festivities, and trips to the Outer Banks, Busch Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg, and Washington, D.C.

The York County 4-H Office is currently seeking support for this beneficial program from local businesses, civic organizations, and individuals; contributions of funds, in-kind supplies, or items for gift bags for our Montana guests (there will be approximately 21 youth and 4 adults in the group) are needed. All community contributors will be invited to welcoming and farewell events for the Montana delegation, and will also be recognized in the **Clover Chronicle** as well as

through the local media. York County Interstate Exchange participants are also available to speak to groups and organizations about the program and its positive impacts. For more information, call 890-4940.

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4-H Youth Spotlight

Everything

You influence my thoughts,
My motives.

You make me see the good,
Not the bad.

You help me to notice inner beauty,
Like never before.

You make me feel special,
As well as important.

You make me smile,
Just with your presence.

You appear in every dream,
As if it's reality.

You embrace me,
And I feel safe.

You are everything,
Need I say more?

By Courtney Rosso, age 16
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